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SUBJECT: UNESCO

REF: (A) STATE 9408

(B) PARIS 1499

(C) BEIRUT 842

1. WE REGRET OUR INABILITY TO BE VERY POSITIVE IN SUG-  
GESTING WAYS TO MEET THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE ON UNESCO.  
WE AGREE WITH BEIRUT'S COMMENT (PARA 3 REF C) THAT IT IS  
OUR DILEMMA AND NOT THE ARAB'S. THE SAG, HOWEVER, DE-  
RIVES NO PARTICULAR SATISFACTION FROM OUR DISCOMFITURE

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AND WE JUDGE THAT IT WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE US WRIGGLE

OFF THE HOOK OF IT DIDN'T MEAN THE ISRAELIS' GETTING AWAY TOO. THIS MAY LEAVE US A VERY NARROW MARGIN FOR MANOEUVRE WITH THE SAUDIS.

2. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT PREVIOUSLY, THERE IS NOTHING THE ISRAELIS CAN DO IN REGARD TO JERUSALEM SHORT OF RELINQUISHING THEIR HOLD ON THE OLD CITY WHICH WILL SATISFY THE SAG. AS IT IS, THE SAUDIS VIEW THE UNESCO ACTION ON THE EXCAVATIONS RATHER LIKE HAVING CONVICTED A MAFIA KING PIN FOR TAX EVASION. NOT THE WAY THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO GO ABOUT IT, BUT BETTER THAN NOTHING.

3. WE NOTE FROM REF B, THAT DECISION ON THE REGIONAL ISSUE NEED NOT REQUIRE ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE ARABS OTHER THAN THE NEGATIVE ONE OF LEAVING THE WESTERN EUROPEANS FREE TO VOTE THEIR OWN INCLINATIONS. THIS STRIKES US AS PERHAPS THE MOST PROMISING APPROACH.

4. WITHOUT TIPPING OUR HAND WE INTEND WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO EXPLORE SAUDI FOREIGN OFFICE ATTITUDES ON THE WHOLE UNESCO QUESTION. THERE WILL BE NO WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW ISRAEL AND THE U.S. A "VICTORY", BUT THERE MIGHT BE SOME INCLINATION TO ALLOW A DEGREE OF QUIET MOTION BACK FROM THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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